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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 11  
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. J.C. "Clair" Eoff of Tullahoma.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of one of this state's most respected leaders, Mr. J.C. "Clair" Eoff of Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Eoff was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eoff was a native of Tullahoma and a graduate of Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Navy with assignments in both the European and Pacific Theaters, earning four battle stars and two letters of commendation; Mr. Eoff retired with the rank of lieutenant commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eoff taught at South Jackson Elementary School and East Lincoln Elementary before joining First National Bank where he was employed for forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Eoff was an unflagging supporter of education in Tennessee, as evidenced by his membership on the University of Tennessee Space Institute Support Council, the State Board Regents of the State University and Community College system, and the Motlow College Development Council and executive committee; and

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WHEREAS, as a member of the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce and the board of mayor and aldermen, Mr. Eoff was instrumental in securing the location of Motlow College in Tullahoma; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eoff was a charter trustee of the Motlow College Foundation, and Eoff Hall, located on the Moore County campus, which is named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, J.C. Eoff was made an honorary colonel by Governors Buford Ellington and Ray Blanton, and also enjoyed the friendship of Governors Frank Clement and Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eoff was recognized statewide by Democrats for his many contributions and active support of party candidates; he was admired and respected by all who knew him for his willingness to give of his time and talents for the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, former State Representative Lane Curlee and Senator Jerry Cooper sponsored legislation recognizing Mr. Eoff for "outstanding service and extraordinary interest in governmental process" and for "outstanding service to the City of Tullahoma"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eoff was also a friend to Vice President Al Gore and former U.S. Senators Albert Gore and Jim Sasser; and

WHEREAS, it has been said by many that "Tullahoma is a much better place because of Clair Eoff; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. J.C. "Clair" Eoff, remembering with admiration his strong character and many selfless contributes to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mr. Eoff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.



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